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'Accounting tricks' cited in health agency budget deficit

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NORMAN — The Oklahoma State Department of Health employed a series of "accounting tricks" to provide the illusion of a balanced bud-

get, but has spent more than its annual revenues since 2011, the agency disclosed Monday.

The Health Department will not be able to pay its employees by Nov. 29 unless it receives \$30 million in supplemental funding from the Oklahoma Legislature, Interim

Health Commissioner Preston Doerflinger said.

"We cannot allow this agency to fail," Doerflinger said during a news conference at the Cleveland County Health Department in Norman.

"This agency is the state's

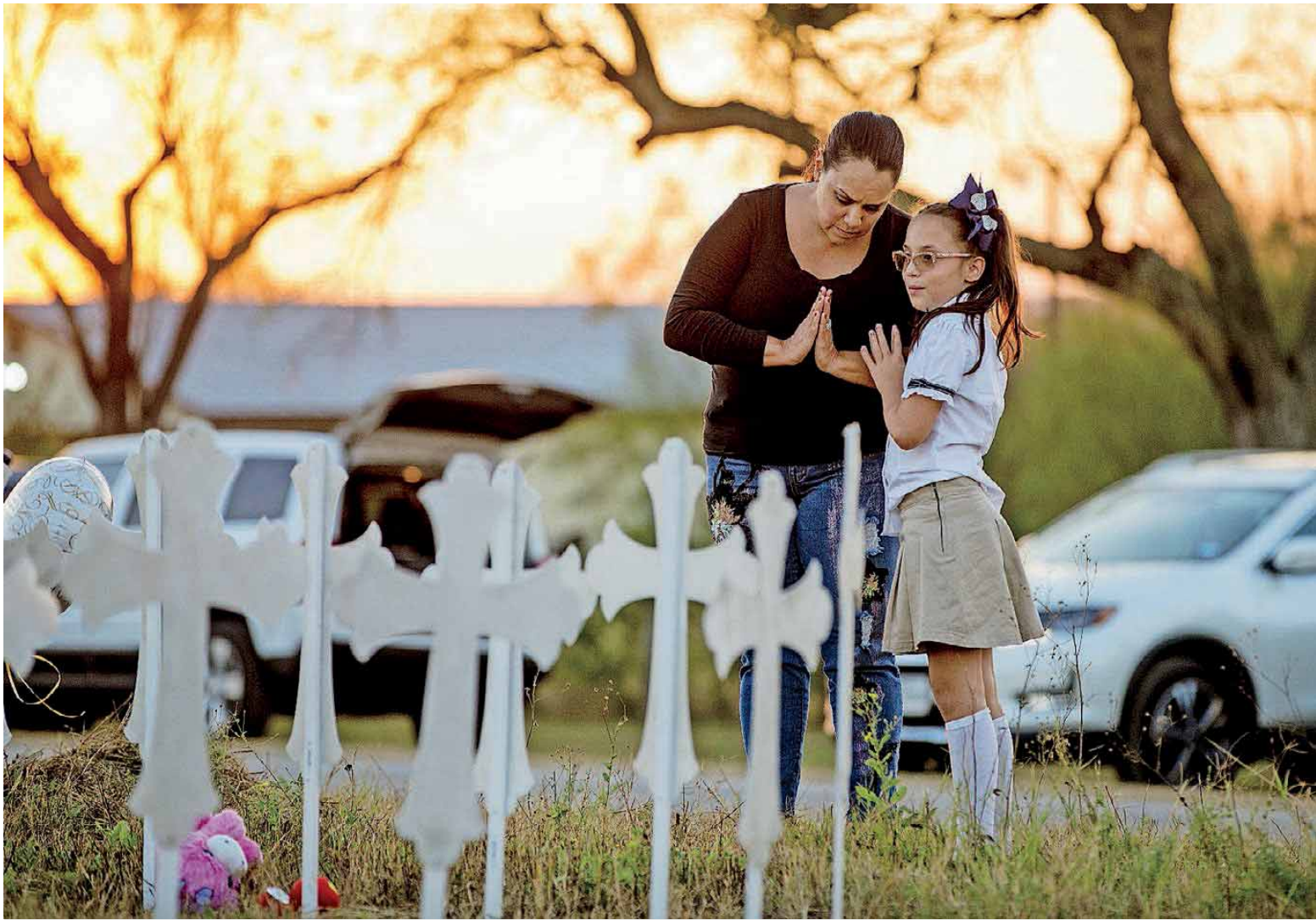
health safety net for its citizens."

Doerflinger revealed more about the department's tangled finances on Monday, including that the department traded and borrowed funds from different accounts within the agency. Accounting

periods were also left open for multiple years.

The agency continued to submit budgets that appeared to be balanced to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, he said.

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Meredith Cooper, of San Antonio, Texas, and her 8-year-old daughter, Heather, visit a memorial of 26 metal crosses Monday near First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. [PHOTO BY JAY JANNER, AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN VIA AP]

Details emerge about Texas church attack

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The Washington Post

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS — The massacre of more than two dozen churchgoers — the youngest of whom was just 18 months old — occurred amid an ongoing "domestic situation" involving the gunman and his relatives, some of whom had attended the church, law enforcement

officials said Monday.

Also on Monday, the Air Force launched an internal review into why it failed to provide key information to the FBI that should have prevented the attacker from purchasing firearms. While serving in the Air Force, the gunman — Devin Patrick Kelley, 26 — was convicted by a general court-martial on two charges of domestic

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Stephen Willeford, right, hugs Johnnie Langendorff during a vigil for the victims of the First Baptist Church shooting Monday in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Willeford shot suspect Devin Patrick Kelley and Langendorff drove the truck while they chased Kelley. [AP PHOTO]

Churches reach out for security advice

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Judging by calls to church security firms across the state, some Oklahoma churches are considering stepping up security measures in the aftermath of Sunday's deadly shooting at a South Texas house of worship.

The leaders of two church security companies said they received numerous calls from churches on Monday, with clergy inquiring about the possibility of developing church security plans and available security training.

Bill Kumpe, a Tulsa attorney and author of the book "Deadly Minutes Versus Precious Seconds: A Primer on Armed Church Security," said he expected a few phone calls to trickle in but he was amazed at the onslaught of inquiries.

"This has shocked everybody I've talked to," he said.

"Every church has what is called 'normalcy bias' that lets them think that something can't happen to them. This happened at a small church in Texas. You can't get any more normal than that."

The Associated Press reported that 26 people were shot and killed on Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs. The assailant — a man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle — opened fire inside the church in what Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called the deadliest mass shooting in the state's history.

At one time, Kumpe, a military veteran with a bachelor's

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Senate sends last-chance tax package to House

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Oklahoma Senate lawmakers are urging the House to adopt a package of tax hikes that could fill most of the budget shortfall, provide recurring revenue and pay for teacher and state

employee salary increases.

The bill is considered by the Senate to be the "last chance" for lawmakers to avoid raiding the state government's piggy bank and cutting the rest.

The measure adopted Monday is virtually identical to other proposals considered during the special session, but

so far it is the only one to get this close to becoming law. If the House can muster 76 votes for its approval, it would be eligible for the governor's signature.

Gov. Mary Fallin endorsed the bill after the bipartisan vote; just five Republican senators voted against.

If adopted, the bill would raise the oil and gas production tax rate from 2 percent to 4 percent on all new wells. It would add a 6-cent tax on motor fuel and implement a \$1.50 tax on cigarettes.

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TODAY'S PRAYER

Loving God, protect children in harm's way. May they be rescued from their despair. Amen.

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